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THREAT TO BOMB COURTROOM OF U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
GEORGE N. LEIGHTON, USFB, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, 8:25 AM,
AUGUST 17, 1979; BT.

AT 8:25 AM, AUGUST 17, 1979, [REDACTED]
SECRETARY TO U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE GEORGE N. LEIGHTON,
ROOM 2156, U.S. FEDERAL BUILDING, 219 SOUTH DEARBORN
STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM
AN UNIDENTIFIED MALE WHO REQUESTED TO SPEAK TO JUDGE
LEIGHTON. WHEN [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THE JUDGE WAS
NOT AVAILABLE, THE CALLER STATED THAT "THERE IS A BOMB
THERE - THERE IS A BOMB IN THE COURTROOM". [REDACTED]
THEN ASKED FOR THE CALLER'S NAME, AT WHICH TIME, THE CALLER
STATED THAT HE WAS A [REDACTED] AND HUNG UP THE

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TELEPHONE.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT SHE IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED THE U.S. MARSHAL'S SERVICE, WHO SEARCHED THE COURTROOM WITHOUT FINDING ANY EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. SHE STATED THAT ALTHOUGH JUDGE LEIGHTON USUALLY ARRIVES AT THE BUILDING EARLY, AND WAS IN FACT IN THE OFFICE WHEN THE CALL WAS RECEIVED, THE COURTROOM IS NOT USUALLY OPENED UNTIL 9:00 AM EACH DAY. SHE STATED THAT THE CALLER SOUNDED TO HER TO BE A WHITE MALE IN HIS 50'S, WHO SPOKE WITH A RASPY, NON-ACCENTED VOICE. SHE WAS UNABLE TO RECOGNIZE THE CALLER'S VOICE. [REDACTED] ASSUMED THAT THE CALLER WAS A CRANK, HOWEVER, SHE NOTIFIED THE JUDGE AND THE U.S. MARSHAL'S SERVICE NONETHELESS. SHE ADVISED THAT JUDGE LEIGHTON EXPRESSED NO EMOTION WHEN INFORMED OF THE CALL, HOWEVER, FELT THAT A SEARCH OF THE COURTROOM WAS IN ORDER.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THE JUDGE IS NOT PRESENTLY HEARING ANY CASES INVOLVING [REDACTED] CONSEQUENTLY, SHE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY REASON WHY A [REDACTED] WOULD BE THREATENING HIM. THE CALL WAS THE FIRST RECEIVED ON AUGUST 17, 1979. JUDGE LEIGHTON HAS NOT HAD ANY BOMB THREATS AND IS UNAWARE

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OF ANY REASON WHEY HE WOULD BE THREATENED.

JUDGE LEIGHTON'S OFFICE WILL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE
FBI IN EVENT FURTHER THREATS OCCUR. CHICAGO FOLLOWING -
NO OTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN AT THIS TIME.

CHICAGO BOMB AND ARSON UNIT ADVISED.

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AUGUST 17, 1979, ET. [REDACTED]

RENYTEL DATED AUGUST 17, 1979.

ON AUGUST 24, 1979, U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE GEORGE
W. LEIGHTON, MDI, CHICAGO, ADVISED THAT ON AUGUST 22, 1979,
A CHICAGO POLICE COMMANDER BROUGHT TO HIM A LEAFLET CONTAIN-
ING VARIOUS ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING THE JUDGE. THIS LEAFLET
WAS SIGNED BY [REDACTED] WHOM THE JUDGE KNEW TO BE A MAN
AWAITING SENTENCING IN HIS COURT ON [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE POLICE COMMANDER ADVISED THAT HE HAD
BEEN GIVEN THE LEAFLET BY [REDACTED] AFTER GOING TO THE METRO-
POLITAN CORRECTIONAL CENTER (MCC) IN CHICAGO PER A REQUEST

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FROM [REDACTED] THE LEAFLET ACCUSES THE JUDGE OF BEING INVOLVED WITH PRESIDENTIAL ASSASSIN LEE HARVEY OSWALD, THE CIA AND ORGANIZED CRIME FIGURES.

LEIGHTON ADVISED THAT ON THE AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 23, HIS OFFICE RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED MAN WHO WANTED TO SPEAK TO HIM. WHEN THE SECRETARY WANTED TO KNOW THE CALLER'S IDENTITY, THE MAN RESPONDED "TELL HIM (THE JUDGE) THAT WE HAVE HIS FBI NUMBER CG. 62-6115" AND HUNG UP. IN REVIEWING THE DOCUMENT BEARING [REDACTED] NAME JUDGE LEIGHTON DISCOVERED THAT IT ALSO MAKES REFERENCE TO NUMBER CG 62-6115 AS BEING A FILE UNDER WHICH WAS INFORMATION FROM THE FBI THAT LEIGHTON HAD BEEN A ~~SECRET~~ LAWYER FOR OSWALD.

ON AUGUST 24, JUDGE LEIGHTON'S SECRETARY, [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THE BOMB THREAT CALLER AND THE CALLER OF AUGUST 23, WERE POSITIVELY NOT THE SAME INDIVIDUAL. SHE ADVISED THAT SHE COULD NOT RECOGNIZE EITHER VOICE. SHE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT SHE HAS NEVER HEARD [REDACTED] VOICE, CONSEQUENTLY COULD NOT RULE HIM OUT AS THE CALLER.

ON AUGUST 24, [REDACTED] U.S. MARSHAL'S SERVICE

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY JUDGE LEIGHTON ON THE EVENING OF AUGUST 23, CONCERNING THE TELEPHONE CALL OF THAT DATE AND THE LEAFLET. SO AS TO MAKE CERTAIN NO HARM CAME TO THE JUDGE, USMS ESCORTED HIM HOME THAT NIGHT AND TO WORK ON AUGUST 24. [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE ALSO WENT TO THE MCC AND TALKED TO A GUARD CONCERNING [REDACTED] HE LEARNED THAT [REDACTED] HAD BEEN IN AN AREA NEAR A TELEPHONE AT THE TIME OF THE CALL AND COULD HAVE EASILY PLACED THE CALL SINCE PRISONERS ARE FREE TO DO SO.

PRESENTLY [REDACTED] IS THE SUBJECT OF [REDACTED] INVOLVING ALLEGED THREATS MADE TO HIM AND INVESTIGATION CONCERNING THE AFOREMENTIONED INFORMATION WILL BE HANDLED AS WARRANTED IN THAT FILE. THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN THE BOMB THREAT, AND THE LEAFLET AND AUGUST 23 TELCALL. SINCE NO EXPLOSIVE DEVICES WERE LOCATED IN THE JUDGE'S COURTROOM AND NO FURTHER BOMB THREATS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED, NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION OF THE BOMB THREAT WILL BE CONDUCTED.

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